

Minutes

Board of Education

0809 #59

Minisink Valley Central School District Board Meeting – September 18, 2008

A meeting of the Minisink Valley Central School District Board of Education was held in middle school room 108 on September 18, 2008.

BOE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ethel Crow, President
Mr. Alfred Gibbs
Mr. John Lenane
Mrs. Michelle McDonald
Mr. Shawn O'Connor
Mr. Robert Prokopchak
Mrs. Gina Richichi
Mr. Paul Rickard
Mrs. Joan Romanyschyn

DIST. PERSONNEL PRESENT: Dr. Martha Murray, Superintendent
Mrs. Priscilla Holden, Asst. Superintendent for Business
Mr. Sean Michel, Asst. Superintendent for Curr. & Instr.
Mr. Brian Monahan, Director of Personnel
Mrs. Ruth Zuclich, Director of Pupil Personnel
Ms. Deborah L. Roda, District Clerk

VISITORS: 16
PRESS: 1

President Crow called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Mrs. Richichi, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak and carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the minutes of the September 4, 2008 meeting. (8-1 abstention, Mr. Lenane)

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President Crow welcomed comments from community members. A community member suggested that the board host a Trunk or Treat for Halloween. A community member spoke about the registered sex offender notification and a former graduate was there observing the meeting for her studies.

Visitors

Dr. Murray said that the opening of school has gone well and that open houses in the various buildings have begun. She encouraged board members to come and visit at any time.

Opening
of School

Dr. Murray thanked the many people that helped to put in the phone system at the Otisville building. A special thank you to employees Jean Knoepfel, Ryan Veety, and Mike Goliber, and NEC employee, Ray Erlacher for their assistance with the phone system. She also said a special thank you to Mr. Giardina, middle school principal, and the many staff members who planted the flowers, donated by PTO and the middle school student government, in front of the middle school building.

Kudos

Dr. Murray introduced All-State Music Festival participants, Patrick Hulle and Nick Stevens who each performed a number for the board of education. Patrick plays the euphonium and Nick is a tenor.

All State
Musicians

Dr. Murray introduced Mr. Richard Kohrs from Ameresco, and Mr. Bob Grant from Thomas Associates. Mr. Kohrs gave a brief overview of the energy performance contract, which included lighting and heating controls, wind turbine, and the project timeline. Mr. Kohrs and Mr. Grant answered questions from the board of education.

Ameresco
Energy
Perf.
Contract

MR. O'CONNOR LEFT THE MEETING AT 8:44 PM.

A motion was made by Mrs. Richichi, seconded by Mrs. McDonald and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the creation of the position of technical assistant, assigned district wide, effective 9/9/08. (8-0)

Position

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following appointments: (8-0)

Appointments

Cynthia Cannizzaro, emergency conditional probationary appointment as a part time teacher aide, assigned to the middle school, pending due clearance, effective 9/9/08 with probation ending 9/8/09, step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Tara Grogan, probationary appointment as a part time teacher aide, assigned to the intermediate school, effective 9/22/08 with probation ending 9/21/09, step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Sandra Macaluso, emergency conditional probationary appointment as a part time teacher aide, assigned to the middle school, pending due clearance, effective 9/9/08 with probation ending 9/8/09, step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

Isabel Rivera, probationary appointment as a school bus driver, assigned to the transportation department, effective 9/22/08 with probation ending 9/21/09, step 1, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the CSEA and the BOE as listed.

James Ryan, emergency conditional temporary appointment as an assistant instructor JROTC, assigned to the high school, pending due clearance, effective 9/01/08.

Kara Benedict, volunteer appointment to the girls varsity soccer team, effective 9/1/08.

Extracurricular appointments, effective 9/1/08, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

AEHS appointments, effective 9/1/08, compensation in accordance with the negotiated agreement between the MVTA and the BOE as listed.

Mr. Michel introduced Mr. Michael Larsen, summer school administrator, who presented a summary of the summer school program. Mr. Larsen thanked the board of education, Dr. Murray, and everyone that was involved in making the program a success. He said it was nice to see the students graduate and their parents in attendance.

Curr. &
Instr.
Summer
School
Program

A motion was made by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Richichi, and unanimously carried that the board of education, having reviewed the minutes of the Committee on Special Education held on September 9, 2008 pertaining to students # 19646, 20318, 10172, 18704, 19296, 14223 and 14710 arranges for student placement as determined by the Committee on Special Education. (8-0)

CSE

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mr. Lenane and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the claims auditor's reports and approves the warrants for checks dated September 18, 2008 and for handdrawn checks in the month of August. (8-0)

Finance

A motion was made by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer's Reports for the month of August. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, establishes the meal reimbursement rates for approved expenses at \$5.00 for breakfast, \$7.50 for lunch, and \$10.00 for dinner. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, adopts a resolution authorizing the issuance of \$26,200,000 bonds of the Minisink Valley Central School District, Orange and Sullivan Counties, New York, to pay the cost of the partial reconstruction and renovation of various school district buildings, in and for said school district. A copy of the complete resolution is attached to the official minutes on file in the central office. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, accepts the revisions of policy numbers #1337, Duties of the School Physician, #4110, Recruitment and Selection of the Superintendent, #5110 Budget Planning and Development, #5120 Budget Adoption, #5140 Administration of the Budget, #5220 District Investments, #5230 Gifts and Donations to the School, #5310 Expenditures of School District Funds, #5520 Extraclassroom Activities Fund, #5550 financial Accountability: Allegations of Fraud, #5560 Audit Committees for a first reading. (8-0)

Policy
Comm.

Mrs. McDonald said the next policy committee meeting will be held on November 6, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

President Crow distributed a spreadsheet regarding proposed board of education goals. A discussion followed. President Crow said she will bring the final list of goals to the next board meeting.

Board
Goals

Mr. Lenane gave a report regarding the last two buildings and grounds committee meetings. He said the meetings included the bus garage construction updates and the final items for the Otisville elementary building. Mr. Prokopchak asked the committee to get information regarding changing the pool water to saline from chlorine. The next buildings and grounds meeting is September 24, 2008.

Bld. & Gr.
Comm.

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mrs. McDonald and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the following change orders for Rok-built Construction Company in the amounts indicated: (8-0)

Change
Orders

GC-03 for \$34,703.05
GC-04 for \$20,517.17
GC-05 for a credit of \$6,629.92
GC-06 for \$193,429.32
GC-07 for \$30,395.40

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mrs. Romanyschyn and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, approves the agreement with Bothwell Consulting Associates to produce a multi-year enrollment forecast for

the Minisink Valley Central School District at a cost of \$4,200 plus reasonable and necessary expenses. (8-0)

Dr. Murray said that the high school has decided not to make any logistical changes to the homecoming game at this time.

Home-coming

The board reviewed the proposed plaque for the new Otisville Elementary building and made necessary changes.

Plaque

Mrs. Romanyschyn said the next OCSBA meeting will be held on October 1, 2008 to discuss resolutions. She said Minisink Valley will be doing a technology presentation at the December 3, 2008 meeting.

OCSBA

The audit committee has scheduled a meeting for October 2, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Audit Comm.

Mr. Prokopchak and Mr. Gibbs reported on the NYSSBA conference they attended. They said the conference offered important material for new board members and veteran board members. Mr. Prokopchak and Mr. Gibbs will be sharing the handouts with the board of education.

District Events

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, enters into executive session at 9:42 PM to discuss matters made exempt under federal law, FERPA, and a matter of contract negotiations. (8-0)

Exec. Session

During executive session, the board discussed matters made exempt under federal law, FERPA, and a matter of contract negotiations.

A motion was made by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Prokopchak and unanimously carried to resume public session at 10:02 PM. (8-0)

A motion was made by Mr. Lenane, seconded by Mr. Rickard and unanimously carried that the board of education, upon recommendation of the superintendent, appoints Craig Tessler to serve as Impartial Hearing Officer for an impartial hearing regarding student #13353.

Student #13353

When the board returned to public session, the board discussed the Trunk or Treat suggestion and said they thought it would be more appropriate to pass the suggestion on to a student group.

Trunk or Treat

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Prokopchak, seconded by Mrs. Richichi and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM. (8-0)

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Roda
District Clerk